

# I know that I am loved at...Monthly News



October 2022

**We have been so fortunate to have a wonderful start to preschool. It is incredible to watch how the children learn and develop at their own unique pace. October is going to be filled with many new adventures for your child and for you with Committee Kick-offs! Plus we are co-hosting a wonderful family event with Faith Church—see below for more details!**



## **Fall Harvest Festival—RSVP NOW!**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 from 4-6 pm. ITBP families are all invited to a fun-filled festival complete with our annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, photo booth opportunities, popcorn and cider, raffle prizes, lots of fun games like cake walk, ghost bowling, duck races, face painting, tattoos, donuts on a string, and more! Come find your favorite teacher at a booth! Costumes (kids and adults alike) are most welcome! **Please RSVP** via this [link](#) so we can get an idea on how many ghosts and superheroes to expect!

## **Tuition Payment Process**

We love being in-person! Many of you gave Carlene your 8 tuition checks already — Thank you! And our families who have opted to have your checks mailed from your bank, please contact Carlene and let her know to expect by mail. Last, to those that will give us checks monthly, please drop them off in the white mailbox by the Preschool office door. We check it daily. Do not ask your teachers to turn in your tuition checks. They should only handle their own class paperwork. Tuition is due the 1st of the month and late after the 8th. Please contact Carlene in the office should you have any questions or need to make other arrangements.

## **Volunteers Committees will Start Soon—We LOVE our VOLUNTEERS!**

October marks the start of a few volunteer committees that can be run mostly from home. We have a long history of serving both our Preschool and local community. We would like to start with Parking Lot Guardians (PLGs)—outside only, Scholastic Book Club, Events: Fall Harvest Festival, and Christmas Mission Project. In order to participate, the office must have your Washington State Patrol Background Check and Proof of both your MMR and COVID-19 vaccines. These requirements are in place to ensure the health of our community to the best of our abilities and meet State standards.

**By October 7** the office will email updates on the status for starting the Parking Lot Guardians (PLGs) and subsequent meetings for PLG's, Events (Fall Harvest Festival), and Scholastic Book Club start.

**The week of October 24** the office will email invites to the Christmas Mission Project that will help support our local community that gives families in need a magical Christmas.

## **Some Important Housekeeping**

**Parking Lot & Safety** —Meetings and programming have resumed for Faith Church in the upper Talbert building. **Please continue to park in the main parking lot** and follow the arrows in order to park conveniently and drive safely. For our HH & LL families, it is important that you park in the main parking lot not only for those that meet up in the Talbert building but with the steepness of the road when it ices up in the coming months. Last, make sure you have your child next to you as you walk to and from the parking lot. No running or playing! Your Preschooler is hard to spot from other drivers.

**Dress for Success**—Remember to dress your child for our ever-changing PNW weather. Closed-toed shoes are the best choice for all activities. Also a light-weight jacket, sweatshirt or sweater kept in their backpack would help when their coat is forgotten. It's a good idea to label your child's clothing.

**Parent Phone Extension** —Please keep using this phone number to bypass the switchboard **425-305-4753 for absences**, to report a contagious illness, or change in plans for drop-off or pick-up. Emails are welcome too.

**Keep me home if...** Please remember that if your child is ill, they must be symptom and fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. See our COVID-19 PPE procedures (Found in our Family Handbook, separate flyer in your welcome packet, and on our website).

**Website Information**—We are consistently updating our website. Information including class monthly and Preschool yearly calendars, teachers, specialists, office newsletters, links and various forms to print are located there for your convenience. If you need to find a date or form, check the website first to help save time! Visit us at: [www.inthebeginningpreschool.org](http://www.inthebeginningpreschool.org).

**The Office**—Over the last several weeks, we have been busy compiling the information from the Welcome packets. In addition to being the Office Diva, Carlene handles all of our students accounts, You can find her in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. Kelly, the Preschool Treasurer and our other Office Diva, works in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays. Both ladies can be reached at [Inthebeginning@faithunited.org](mailto:Inthebeginning@faithunited.org). Any of us in the office can answer your questions.

**Start Time**—Now that we have had a few weeks of experiencing new school routines, it is extremely important to have your child start each school day at 9:30 am. Don't forget to have your child eat a good breakfast and go to the bathroom before you arrive at Preschool. Please do not hesitate to keep your child home if they are not feeling well and test for COVID-19 if you think they have been exposed. Our teachers strive to provide the best possible learning environment each day for their class to enjoy and grow.

#### **Check Your Student File Folder & Backpacks Daily**

Every day your wonderful student comes home with art masterpieces, special projects, or important information from your teacher or the office. Please take the time to check your student's file folders and backpacks!

#### **Preschool Directory & Teacher Spotlights & Babysitting Info**

Carlene emailed the **directory** last month for your convenience. Not only do we have school wide contact info, there is Babysitting info and much more. We hope that as the school year moves forward, you will find yourself making playdates, other get togethers, or setting up carpools. Typically, we will update and send out a new edition in February.

**Teacher Spotlights**—coming this month by email. We enjoy sharing a little bit about ourselves so you can get to know your preschool staff a bit better.

**Babysitter Binder**—Do you need a night out or a Mommy's helper? Check out the Babysitting Binder in the lobby of the Sanctuary building. When you contact the babysitter you are interested in, please text both the babysitter and their parent while identifying yourself as a preschool parent. Thank you.

## Class Emails & Picture Etiquette Explained

Your individual class emails are for you to organize playdates or outside school get togethers to help start building community within our Preschool and regain some of our social/emotional well-being. The office will continue to blind copy school-wide emails to honor our families and staff confidentiality.

### Class usage for both class emails and the directory:

- The class group email is shared for parents to set up social gatherings and the like.
- This is not mandatory and no one is forced to participate if you receive an email from a parent.
- The group email will still be used by your class teachers to conduct class/Preschool business only.
- Legally, we cannot sanction what you all do privately.
- The class email and directory is not to be used for any commercial or financial gain – please no solicitations.
- Please remove your teachers' email as you start to build your community.

### Shared student pictures class & preschool usage:

- You gave us certain permissions to use your child's pictures and both the staff and office will do our very best to honor it. When we are in doubt we will blur or cover a child's face.
- Your teacher's main focus during instructional time is their class and learning, not taking pictures.
- There are some children who cannot be photographed at all.
- Teachers will share pictures when they can and many will share pictures in their weekly email or FB page.

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## October Calendar



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| 10/1  | Tuition Due & Parking Lot Guardians Begin  |
| 10/6  | Tiger Field Trip/Oxbow Farms—9:45 am   |
| 10/8  | Tuition Payment Deadline   |
| 10/14 | PreK Field Trip to Fall City Farm—10 am  |
| 10/18 | RSVP to our Fall Harvest Festival (see page 1)   |
| 10/22 | Fall Harvest Festival 4-6 pm (includes Daddy and Me Pumpkin Contest & lots of fun) RSVP by 10/18 |
| 10/25 | Invite email: Christmas Mission Project Meeting  |
| 10/28 | Bunny Halloween Party (T/F) @ 12:20  |
| 10/31 | Bunny Halloween Party (M/Th) @ 12:20   |
| 10/31 | Halloween Class Parade @ 9:45 am   |

## November Calendar



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| 11/1     | Tuition Due                                       |
| 11/1-18  | Parent/Teacher Conferences-Tiger and Prek classes |
| 11/6     | Day Light Savings Time—Fall Back                  |
| 11/11    | No School - <b>Veterans Day</b>                   |
| 11/18    | Lions Thanksgiving Celebration                    |
| 11/21    | Hippos Thanksgiving Celebration                   |
| 11/24-25 | No School - <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>             |
| 11/28    | <b>Advent</b> Begins                              |
| 11/29    | 2023-2024 In-house Registration begins            |

## December Save the Date!

12/6 ITBP's Christmas Program at 10 am  
*Jesus: Light of the World*

